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Photo by Jeff Melvin

Compliance inspection prep in full swing

The work doesn't stop during exercises. 908th Maintenance Squadron's Tech. Sgt. Mike Shaw performs unscheduled maintenance on a power diesel generator while wearing chem gear. See Page 3 for more photos from last month's Patriot Maxwell exercise.

News Notes

Update emergency data

All wing Reservists should update their emergency data through the *Virtual* Record of Emergency Data or vRED. This information is essential for Air Force casualty notification teams in case an airman becomes incapacitated or killed.

Reservists can go to the vMPF from any Internet connected computer. Go to www.afpc.randolph.af.mil; select the "vMPF" logo at the top of the page and follow the instructions. You should be able to do the whole process in about 20 minutes or less. If the member has not previously enrolled in the vMPF, he or she will need SSAN, MAJCOM, Pay Date and Date of Rank to establish an vMPF account. vRED is an automated "smart" program that guides the member through the process of completing his/her emergency contact information and tailors the questions asked to the member's specific family situation.

Completion of the vRED is mandatory for all Air Force members. Figures released last month revealed less than 50 percent of all Air Force Reserve Command members had met this requirement. Local and command officials are encouraging members to accomplish this task immediately.

For more information about the vMPF or vRED call the Air Force Contact Center toll-free at 1 (866) 229-7074.

CAC attack aims to lighten load

Time is running out for unit members to obtain the new Common Access Cards. To expedite the process, the mobile registration unit responsible for issuing the CACs here at Maxwell has agreed to open during the July UTA specifically to issue cards to 908th members.

The mobile unit will be located in the parking lot of Bldg. 804 and will open from 7:45-11 a.m. and 12:45-4:15 p.m. July 12 and 13. Appointments aren't necessary; members should merely bring their old ID cards. Members are also encouraged to come early; processing not completed by 4:15 must resume the following day. For more info, call the MRU at (334) 953-8269.

Support Group head D.C.-bound

908th Mission Support Group commander Col. Christine Lafferty has been selected for an assignment at the Pentagon.

Her going away dinner will be held Saturday, July 12 at 6:30 at the Richey Center. The meal will be catered by Smokehouse. Cost is \$10 per person. Please RSVP with 1st Lt. Lionberger or Roxanne Ray at (334) 953-9080. Lionberger and Ray will also need to know who will be presenting gifts.

Chief of staff thanks Reserve for Operation Iraqi Freedom support

EDITOR'S NOTE: Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, sent the following letter to Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, commander of Air Force Reserve Command.

Dear General Sherrard,

The men and women of Air Force Reserve Command performed superbly during Operation Iraqi Freedom. The world witnessed joint warfighting at its best and the critical role played by well-trained and well-led airmen.

Airmen from the Reserve were pivotal to the coalition's successes in the war. Our nation's military was able to achieve rapid victory because of the dedicated service of these great citizen airmen. The loyalty and courage displayed to their nation is a model for all airmen to follow.

Please relay my sincere appreciation to all the members of your command. May God bless our great Air Force and our great nation!

Gen. John P. Jumper
Air Force chief of staff



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For information about this schedule, call Jeff Melvin at (334) 953-7874.

Compliance inspection approaching, let's get to it!

I have a major announcement: Col. Chris Lafferty will be



By Col. James Stewart
908th Airlift Wing commander

departing the 908th for a new position at the Pentagon. I've selected her replacement, but await the formal approval of 22 AF (not obtained before press deadline). Colonel Lafferty's farewell will be held at the Richey Center, starting at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, July 12.

For more details on her farewell, contact 1st Lt. David Lionberger at 953-9080.

Additionally, there are only 8 UTA days left before our Unit Compliance Inspection in November. Please make sure your section completes its semi-annual self-inspection this

month. I need all of you to diligently work to fix remaining shortcomings identified during the 22nd AF Staff Assistance Visit.

Finally, we survived our Patriot Maxwell exercise last month. As expected, our performance was less than perfect. Our standardized checklists were not fully coordinated, and lines of communication between the Wing Operations Center, Survival Recovery Center, and the Unit Control Centers did not work very well.

On a positive note, we had several new players at the table learning their new responsibilities, and the

exercise gave them/us a chance to identify our shortcomings. However, I expect all of you to make the changes recommended in our wing "hot wash" to ensure we don't make the same mistakes again.

Now is the time to review those shortcomings and plan to improve those processes for the tabletop exercise in August. It will take several exercises to hone the edge of our sword to a fine point, but with each exercise I expect to see noticeable improvement.

We've got a lot to do over the next couple UTAs, so let's get to it!

Chaplain echoes Dr. Norman Vincent Peale: "We need more of God"



By Chaplain (Capt.) Jamie Danford
908th Airlift Wing staff chaplain

As we celebrate Fourth of July, I would like to share with you the words of Dr.

Norman Vincent Peale from his sermon, "I Pledge Allegiance."

What a country this is! To my way of thinking, there is nothing like it anywhere in the world. I have visited many beautiful lands, but upon returning to the United States, there is always the feeling that Almighty God carved out here a very wonderful and special country. ...

We need to recount the stories of the great souls America has produced and who produced America. We need to tell

and retell these stories beginning with the Pilgrim Fathers. Bibles under their arms, setting forth in little ships across a stormy sea, driven not by the winds that raged the Atlantic and caught the sails of their little boats, but by the mighty conviction that as sons of God no one could make slaves of them. ...

Something within drove them across trackless wastes to an inhospitable shore, where unhampered by the autocracy of men, they could

worship God in all the dignity of free men.

We, too, need that spirit of freedom in our hearts. We need to recover the cleanness and manhood and power and might of the United States in our minds. We must reemphasize morality, decency and honesty. We need more of God. Deeply rooted in the American tradition are the sovereignty of God and the sacredness of human personality. Upon these two pillars rests American freedom.

Three may get chance to attend Tuskegee Airmen national convention

Three wing people – 1 Airman, 1 NCO and 1 Officer – may get a chance to attend the Tuskegee Airmen National Convention Aug. 5-10 at the Adams Mark Hotel in Denver, said 908AW vice commander Col. C.W. Fox,

head of the wing Human Resources Development Council.

Those interested in attending must contact their 1st Sgt or Sqdn CC and tell them why they would like to attend. Sqdn CCs, in turn, forward the names to Colonel Fox who

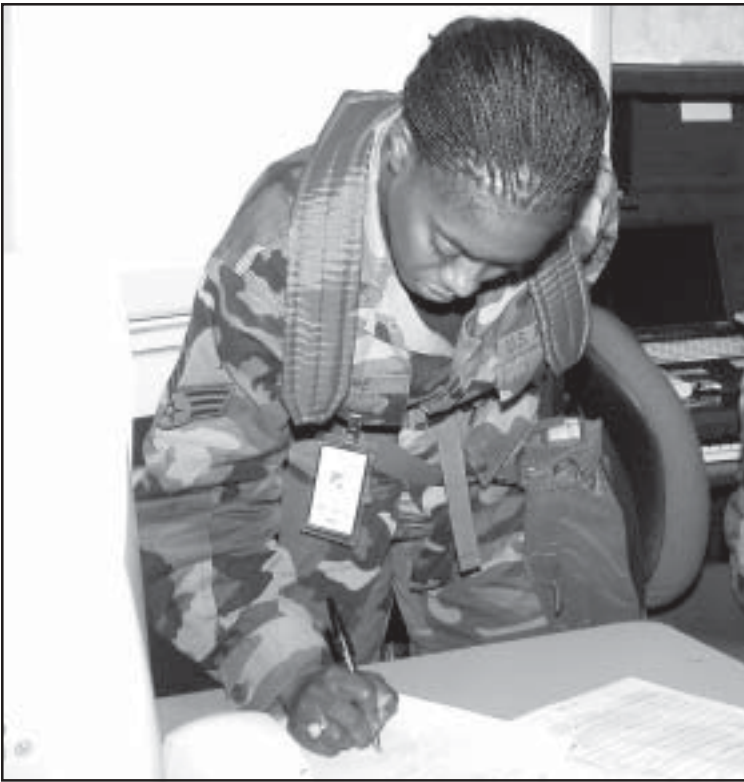
presents them to the wing commander for review and determination who best represents the wing.

Nominations/SQ CC recommendations must be received NLT COB July 12. Those selected will be in-

formed by July 14.

Two web sites have useful information: the Tuskegee Airmen Inc. home page, www.taiconvention.com, and <http://arpc.afrc.af.mil/hrdc/index.htm>, the web site where those selected must register.

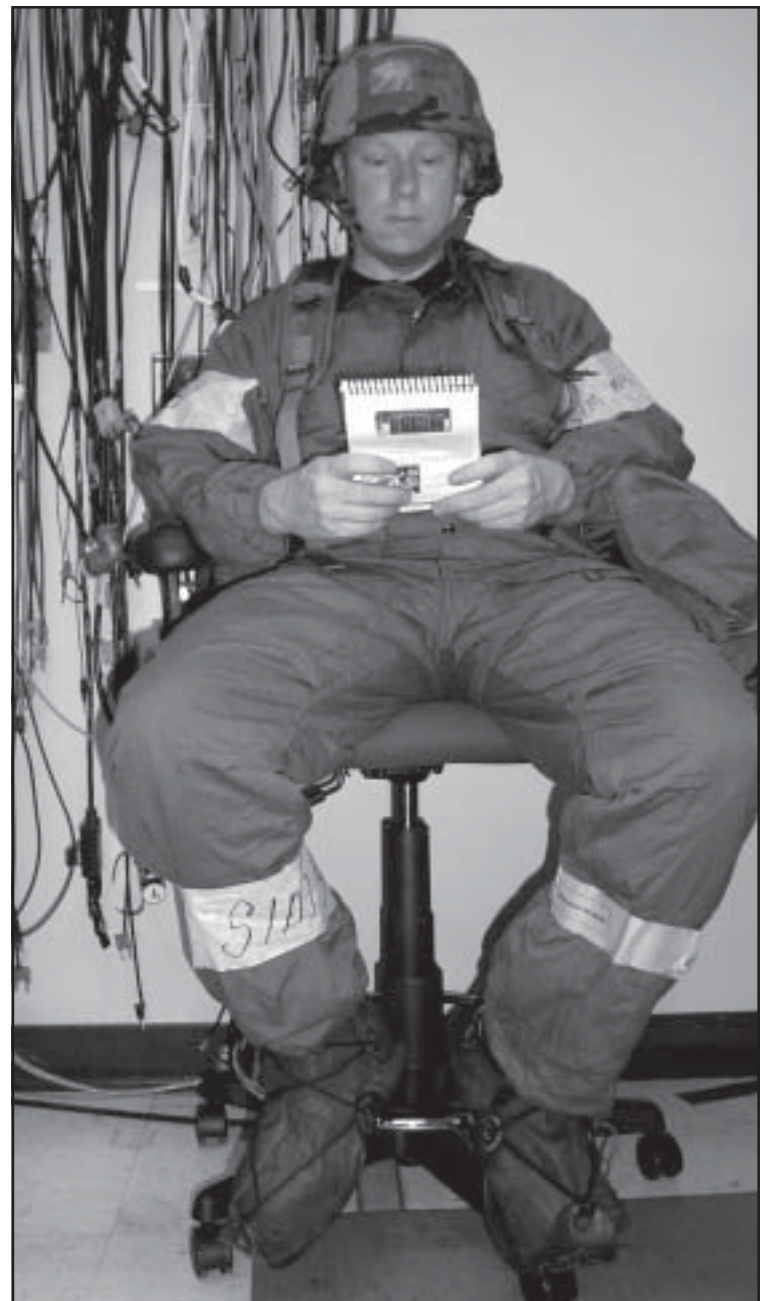
Getting ready to rumble, unit compliance inspection preparation in full swing



Above, Col. Betty Williams, 908th Aeromedical Staging Squadron commander, Lt. Col. Norman Ham, 357th Airlift Squadron commander (center), and 908th Airlift Wing Commander Col. James Stewart make their way through checklists in the Wing Operations Center. Left, Staff Sgt. Loretta Moore posts an entry in the WOC log.



Above, Mission Support Group commander Col. Chris Lafferty, directs the activities of the Survival Recovery Center during last month's Patriot Maxwell exercise. Left, Master Sgt. Joyce Smiley, chief, Readiness Flight and Tech. Sgt. Terry Elmore, Readiness Flight training manager, review the SRC checklists for command and control to test and evaluate the effectiveness of the 908th's contingency plans.



Photos by Jeff Melvin

908MXS's Tech. Sgt. Marty Ashley shows one way to maintain focus during an exercise: read and consult Air Force Manual 10-100, the Airman's Manual.

Help us tell the Reserve, 908th story to bosses, civic leaders

At time when fewer and fewer members of the general public have military experience or exposure, we need to work harder to foster or maintain their understanding of who we are and what we do. Two opportunities to tell the 908th story are available this fall – a Bosslift in September and a civic leader trip in October. The 908th AW Public Affairs Office urges wing personnel to provide suitable nominations for either event as soon as possible.

The Bosslift is a state Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve event; however, we want to provide the state committee names of some of your employers, particularly since we are providing the airlift. The Bosslift is scheduled for Sept. 23 and 24 to Duke/Hurlburt Field and on to Patrick AFB, Fla.

Bosslifts transport employers and supervisors to military training sites where they observe National Guard and Reserve members on duty as part of the Total Force. This provides the employer a better understanding of what their Reservists do when they are away from their civilian occupation for duty with their military units. Employers see firsthand the type and quality of military training and leadership activities National Guard and Reserve members receive. The selected sites for Bosslifts usually emphasize National Guard and Reserve training and, whenever possible, include multiple branches of the military.

ESGR Bosslifts give employers a great opportunity to provide input to Department of Defense leadership. Similarly, they're an excellent way to demonstrate the critical role of the National Guard and Reserve in our nation's defense.

The second event is a Civic Leader Tour Oct. 23-24. The tour will stop at two locations: Duke Field, a part of Eglin AFB, and Patrick AFB, both bases are in Florida.

The Civic Leader Tour pro-

gram aims to increase U.S. citizens' awareness and understanding of the Air Force's role in national security by inviting groups of community leaders to witness the Air Force mission by visiting Air Force installations.

This trip is for heavy hitters -- elected officials, business owners/managers, other widely known and influential people.

Please complete a separate form for either event that you wish to submit a nominee.

Bosslift Nominations

Employer's name/title:

Employer's phone number:

Company/organization:

Nominating Reservist name:

Company mailing address:

Your civilian job title:

Unit/duty phone:

Civic Leader Tour Nominations

Civic leader's name/title:

Phone number:

Company/organization:

Nominating Reservist name:

Business or home address:

Your civilian job title:

Unit/duty phone:

Complete form(s) and return to the Public Affairs office, Bldg. 1056, Room 210 or mail to: 908th AW/PA, 401 W. Maxwell Blvd., Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, AL. 36112, or FAX: (334) 953-2202. For more information, call the PA office at (334) 953-6804.
Return by the end of the August UTA

General Sherrard receives national award for fathers

WASHINGTON — The commander of Air Force Reserve Command joined a large, select group of men June 5 at the 61st Annual Father of the Year Awards ceremony in New York City.

Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III was one of six men this year selected as a National Father of the Year by the National Father's Day Committee.

"As a father, military leader,

mentor and communicator, your contributions to family and society have had an enormous influence," wrote Stuart Goldblatt, committee chairperson, in a letter to the general. "It is for these reasons you were nominated for this honor."

During the ceremony in the New York Marriott Marquis Hotel, Sherrard expressed heartfelt gratitude and acknowledged the

sacrifices made by service members and their families. He accepted the award not just for himself but for all military fathers.

"It is an honor to be recognized for the National Father of the Year award, and I proudly accept it on behalf of all military fathers," Sherrard said. "The support of family is extremely critical to military members, and this award recognizes the great support of fami-

lies and communities."

Sherrard also thanked his wife, Marsha, for the support she has provided to him and their family and spoke of lessons learned from his father as a young man.

The National Father's Day Committee is a non-profit organization that seeks to enhance the meaning of Father's Day and to promote traditional family values. (AFRC News Service)

908th Civil Engineering Squadron performs annual tour in Romania

You don't know what CES did this summer

By Chelsey Kondrak
908th Safety summer intern

The last of a three-group contingent of 908th Civil Engineering Squadron members returned home June 28, completing their annual tour to a very unusual place, Romania. The deployment started May 10 with each group completing a two-week segment.

The 908th teams worked as a part of an eight-nation joint civil engineering force named South-Eastern Europe Brigade, or SEEBRIG. They participated in projects involving the completion of a parking apron for KC 135 aircraft, construction of two helipads and completion of a parking area for helicopters at MK

Airbase in Constanza, Romania.

SEEBRIG's goals include the promotion and support of humanitarian operations, peacekeeping, peacemaking, peace building, conflict prevention, and other peace support operations. Albania, Bulgaria, Macedonia, and Croatia are among the nations participating in the annual project. Civil engineers from Hill Air Force Base, Utah, and Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., also contributed to the project in Romania.

908CES team member Senior Master Sgt. Phillip Watkins said he found it very enlightening to see the abilities of other civil engineering groups while in Romania. He also said

that the 908th Civil Engineering Squadron was able to contribute further to the project by sharing their expertise in techniques, especially concrete pouring techniques, and by introducing new machines to other civil engineering squadrons.

908CES operations superintendent Senior Master Sgt. Don Fenn, another contributor to the project, endured 64 hours of flying

time to assist in transporting materials and tools necessary for the completion of the project.

The team received a warm reception from their hosts. Staff Sgt. Lance Haywood echoed the sentiments of most when he commented, "They welcomed the Americans. They were very nice and very polite people. They were glad to have us over there."

Watkins acknowledged the challenges getting to Romania presented yet remarked that the Romanians and the Americans reaped great benefits from the deployment.

"Not only were the Romanians able to gain a parking apron, but many of the Americans, including me, were able to establish longtime friendships with individuals from other countries."



Chief Master Sgt. Ray Thigpen operates a trowel machine used to level, smooth, and consolidate the concrete.



Tech. Sgt. Lee Cobb fine grades the concrete in front of the screed. Staff Sgt. John Vaughn is operating the screed.



Chief Thigpen (far left) demonstrates how to operate the bullfloat. The red beam is called a power vibratory screed; it is used to strike off and level the concrete between the forms.



One of the main goals of this exercise is to teach Prime Beef teams as well as five other participating nations about placing concrete. Chief Thigpen (back to the camera), Staff Sgt. Billy Gibson (kneeling next to Thigpen), Staff Sgt. Lance Haywood (far left) and Senior Master Sgt. Chad Heaton (3rd from left) teach Albanian combat engineers how to set forms for the concrete.

Air Force climate survey polls reservists about workplace

By 2nd Lt. Lance Patterson
Air Force Reserve Command Public
Affairs

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — This year, for the first time, the Air Force Climate Survey will include all Air Force reservists.

Feedback from last year's study, formerly the Air Force Chief of Staff Survey, prompted the Air Force to involve a larger audience in the survey, which will seek factors affecting the day-to-day mission, leadership and availability of resources. Results of the online survey will serve as the baseline for the Total Force.

Past surveys were limited to the active-duty Air Force and Department of Defense civilians. This year's survey, which will run from Oct. 1 to Nov. 23, has been expanded to include members of the Air Force Reserve Command and Air National Guard, as well as non-appropriated fund civilians and students.

"Sustaining the world's preeminent air and space force requires continued excellence in the work environment," said Lt. Gen.

James E. Sherrard III, commander of AFRC, in a May 27 letter to reservists. "This survey will provide valuable information to all reservists and Air Force leaders to achieve that goal. By taking a few brief moments to fill out this survey, you can help your leaders understand your concerns and ultimately better serve you and our nation's interests."

The Air Force Climate Survey 2003 will be easily accessible and user-friendly. Comments will not be edited or filtered and will provide valuable feedback, including new ideas from members.

The survey will seek input on issues from every major level of the Air Force — from Headquarters Air Force in the Pentagon to squadrons and flights. It will serve as a tool to measure the climate of an organization, asking participants to evaluate factors having the greatest influence on their service — general satisfaction, unit performance outcomes, recognition, teamwork, supervision, training, career devel-

opment, job enhancement, resources, participation and unit flexibility.

The survey will also provide anonymity with software masking techniques that do not attach the respondent's user ID and password to survey responses. Respondents will be asked not to write self-revealing details in the comments portion of the survey.

In a letter to survey participants, Chief Master Sgt Cheryl Adams, AFRC command chief master sergeant, wrote: "By participating in the survey, you will provide critical information to leaders in your organization to make the Air Force a better place to work. Since the survey software protects your identity, I encourage you to be honest and straightforward in your responses. This survey data will be as good as you make it. This is your chance to stand up and be counted."

Survey organizers said the Air Force Climate Survey 2003 will not be a quality of life survey because it

will not solicit information or feedback about base facilities and functions, pay or benefits. The survey will also not ask about racial or sexual harassment or discrimination, or certain health practices of mem-

bers or their families.

The results of the survey will be released in February 2004 to unit leaders. More information about the survey can be found at <https://afclimatesurvey.af.mil>. (AFRC News Service)

Team will address Total Force issues

WASHINGTON (AFPN) -- The Air Force is standing up a "tiger team" to address three major air reserve component issues considered vital to the future success of the total force.

The team, led by Brig. Gen. Jose M. Portela, will initially focus on income protection, medical care and changes to the implicit contract with employers. Portela is mobilization assistant to Michael L. Dominguez, assistant secretary of the Air Force for manpower and Reserve affairs at the Pentagon.

"These are topics of great importance because they affect keeping families and employers informed, happy and willing to continue

their military association," said Dominguez.

The team is being asked to define the size and scope of any problems identified in these areas as they relate to the ARC, Dominguez said.

"We will evaluate the severity of any problems that affect the mid- to long-range viability of the ARC and develop a variety of solutions," Portela said.

These solutions will be evaluated and, once finalized, will be introduced into the appropriate legislative or policy-making forums, Dominguez said.

"There are tough problems but our ARC airmen and the public should know that we are working hard to solve them," he said.

908th Airlift Wing Reunion -- come one, come all

All past and present unit members are invited to the 908AW Alumni Association Reunion Sept. 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Maxwell AFB Enlisted Club.

"Due to world events and some unforeseeable circumstances, it has been several years since our last reunion. We are working to keep this from happening in the future," said Alumni Association committee member Bill Plummer.

The meal, Plummer said, will be buffet style and includes sliced roast beef, grilled chicken, crispy catfish, salad and various vegetables, desserts and tea or coffee.

A golf tournament may be scheduled for Saturday; anyone interested should contact 1st Lt. Lionberger at (334) 953-9080. Lodging is available at several locations in Montgomery (see

hotels and discounted prices) at Exit 6 off I-85.

Noting that people are the key to a successful reunion, Plummer said, "Our past reunions have been successful and fun filled. If you know any current or

former member who hasn't received a letter about the reunion, please give him or her a copy or pass his or her address on to Harold Taylor. The more contacts we make, the more people will be able to attend. We are

looking forward to seeing everyone and enjoying each other's fellowship." He added that those unable to attend so still respond back so they can remain on the alumni association mailing list.

For more information, please contact Harold Taylor (334) 365-5529; Joe Gargus (334) 365-9462 (E-mail: jocapratt@aol.com); or Gene Beasley (334) 365-4721 (E-mail: gb306@bellsouth.net).

Lodging sites

Quality Inn
1 (800) 228-5151
(334) 277-1919
\$50+ tax (Dbl)

LaQuinta
1 (800) 531-5900
(334) 271-1620
\$59+tax (Dbl)

Best Inns
1 (800) 237-8466
(334) 270-9199
\$58+tax (Dbl)

Ramada Inn East
1 (800) 272-6232
(334) 277-2200
\$66+tax (Dbl)

Please complete and return NLT July 15:

Name: _____ E-MAIL: _____
(to receive latest updates on reunion)

Dues are \$3 per family, payable every other year

Amount enclosed: _ _ _ _ _

Dinner is \$17 per person (includes tax and gratuity)

Number in Party: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Make check or money order payable to **908th AW Reunion Alumni Association** and send to: Harold Taylor, 1448 Upper Kingston Road, Prattville AL 36067

You can also pay Col. Betty Williams, ASTS, at 3-5404, Senior Master Sgt. William Plummer, MXG/QA, at 3-4575 or Chief Master Sgt. Gary Looney, Logistics Readiness Flight, at 3-6836.

July Unit Training Assembly Schedule

Start	End	Event	Location/OPR
Friday, July 11, 2003			
0830	TBD	Units at Range M-9	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
1630	1900	Commanders' Staff Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conference Room

Semi-annual Self Inspection Month

Saturday, July 12, 2003			
0730	0800	Sign In	Orderly Room
0730	0800	Newcomers' Flight Reception	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT
0800	0830	Newcomers' Intro/Orientation	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT
0800	1100	Lab Work/DNA/HIV/Blood Testing	Bldg. 760/Lab
0820	1500	Physicals	Bldg. 760/First Floor
0830	1030	Shots (Yellow Fever, 1030-1130)	Bldg. 760/First Floor
0830	0900	Pregnancy Profiles/Weight Waivers/ Fitness for Duty (must have DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
0830	1030	Anthrax Briefings (30 min.)	Bldg. 760/First Floor
0830	1230	NBC Defense Training	Bldg. 1154/Rm 119
0830	1100	M-41 Mask Fit	Bldg. 1055/Rm 1
0830	TBD	Units at Range M-16 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
0900	1000	Unit Safety Reps Training	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
0930	1030	Unit Education & Training Mgrs Meeting	Bldg. 903/DPMT
0930	1000	TDY/PCS Out-Processing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 111, DPMSA
00930	1030	Unit Deployment Managers' Mtg	Bldg. 1056/Cmd Chief's Conf Rm
1030	1130	First Sergeants' Meeting	Golf Course Snack Bar
1100	1200	Company Grade Officers Council	Golf Course Snack Bar
1200	1600	Gas Mask/A1 Bag Issue	Bldg. 848/West Side
1200	TBD	Units at Range M-9 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
1230	TBD	Units at Range M-16 (Firing)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
1230	1530	CDC Testing (Course 5/12/SNCOA CD Rom Only)	Bldg. 903/DPMT
1300	1400	HRDC	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Room
1300	1500	Newcomers' MPF In-Processing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 109/
1330	1730	NBC Defense Training	Bldg. 1154/Rm 119
1330	1400	Fitness for Duty (Must have DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
1400	1500	Supervisors' Safety Training Mtg	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
1700	TBD	Sign Out	Orderly Room

Sunday, July 13, 2003			
0630	0700	Sign in	Orderly Room
0815	0900	MPF In-house Training	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Room
0800	1100	Gas Mask/A1 Bag Issue	Bldg. 848/West Side
0830	1400	NBC Defense Training	Bldg. 1154/Rm 119
0830	TBD	Units at Range M-9 (Firing)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
0830	TBD	Units at Range M-16 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
0830	1130	Hazardous Cargo Training	TBD
0830	1130	Pallet Build-up/Joint Inspection	25APS (Various locations)
0830	0900	Fitness For Duty (Must have DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Rm
0900	0930	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 846/Classroom 2/25 APS
0930	1015	EPR Training	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Room
1000	1030	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 848/Classroom/COM Flight
1015	1100	Weight Management Monitors Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Room
1100	1130	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 1056/Rm. 101/DPMT
1130	1230	Chiefs' Group Meeting	Bldg. 1461
1130	1230	SORTS/Commander Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Room/CC
1130	1230	Chiefs' Group Meeting	Bldg. 1461
1200	1500	Gas Mask/A1 Bag Issue	Bldg. 848/West Side
1230	TBD	Units at Range M-16 (Firing)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
1230	TBD	M-240/M-249 Mechanical Training	Bldg. 1210/SFS
1230	1530	CDC Testing	Bldg. 903/DPMT Classroom
1300	1400	Honor Guard Meeting	Bldg. 1056/Cmd. Chief's Office
1330	1400	Fitness For Duty (Must have DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Rm
1330	1430	UTA Bulletin Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Room
1430	1500	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 1055/Classroom 2/CES
1600	TBD	Sign-out	Orderly Room

Support functions' schedule

Activity	Dates & hours of operation		Location/Ext.
Newcomers' Training Flight		Sun, 0900-1000	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
MPF Customer Service	Sat, 0800-1200	Sun, 0900-1000	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
		Sun, 1200-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
ID Cards	M-F, 0630-1630	Sun, 0800-1100	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
	Sat, 0800-1200	Sun, 1200-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
Reserve Pay	M-F, 0700-1100;	Sat, 0800-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-6722
	1200-1600		
Individual Equipment	Sat, 0800-1530		Bldg. 1154/3-6020
Clothing Sales	Sat, 0900-1500		Bldg. 851/3-7505
Restricted Area Badges	M-F, 0630-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 84/3-4283
Vehicle Registration	M-F, 0730-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 84/3-4283
Geneva Convention Cards	M-F, 0730-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 84/3-4283
Dining Hall	Sat, 0600-0930	Sun, 0600-0930	Bldg. 668/3-5127
	1100-1300	1100-1300	
	1600-1830	1600-1830	
Lodging office/reservations (lodging problems, contact 908th rep via lodging front desk)			Bldg. 1573/3-2401
Photo lab	M-F, 0730-1630	Sun, 1300-1500	Bldg. 926/3-7981

July UTA Lodging

To access the Lodging Reservation System, please follow these instructions:

- * Make reservations, cancellations or changes at least 24 hours prior to arrival.
- * Call Maxwell at 1-800-673-9356
- * Input your unit's authorization code
- * Dial the system at 3-8557 or 3-8558
- * The system will ask for your SSAN, which you will input with the telephone keypad
- * The system will ask for your personal ID number, followed by the "#" sign. (PIN is available through your First Sergeant or Services 3-7332)
- * The system will ask if you would like to make, change, or cancel a reservation.
- * To make a reservation, input arrival date and then departure date.
- * You will be asked if the reservation is ADT, IDT, or both (ADT: Annual Tour, Mandays, Special Tour) (IDT: UTA, AFTP, RMP, Make-up UTA)
- * If this is a scheduled UTA weekend, the system will tell you where you will be staying
- * If you cancel or change a reservation, you will be prompted for a phone number.
- * **The confirmation number you receive is for 908th Services use only.**

Note: You can also call the system direct DSN or Commercial. The numbers are: DSN 493-8557/8558 or COMM: (334) 953-8557/8558.

If you have a question please contact Master Sgt. Byron Godwin at:
Commercial: (334) 953-7332
DSN: 493-7332
E-mail: byron.godwin@maxwell.af.mil
Emergency cell: (334) 657-1304

Notice! Checkout time at Maxwell Lodging for the July UTA is 0800 Sunday. If you do not have time to go to the front desk, and do not have a phone charge, there will be a key drop box located in Bldg. 157 (Main Lodging) for your convenience. Please do not use this box if you have any charges on your bill. In accordance with AFI 34-246 **smoking is not permitted in lodging rooms.** You may be charged a minimum of \$50 for cleaning for violating this AFI.

Airlift will be lodged at the Hampton Inn, Prattville.

Airlift Schedule

Aurora Airlift

UTA pick-up schedule Friday:
Depart Maxwell at 1600 local
Arrive Aurora at 1800 local
Depart Aurora at 1830 local
Arrive Maxwell at 2030 local

UTA return schedule Sunday:
Bus departs Bldg. 1056 at 1530
Depart Maxwell at 1600 local
Arrive Aurora at 1830 local
Depart Aurora at 1845 local
Arrive Maxwell at 2100 local

Huntsville/Dobbins Airlift

UTA pick-up schedule Friday:
Depart Maxwell at 1700 local
Arrive Dobbins at 1845 local
Depart Dobbins at 1915 local
Arrive Huntsville at 1845 local
Depart Huntsville at 1915 local
Arrive Maxwell at 1945 local

UTA return schedule Sunday:
Depart Maxwell at 1600 local
Arrive Huntsville at 1645 local
Depart Huntsville at 1700 local
Arrive Dobbins at 1845 local
Depart Dobbins at 1900 local
Arrive Maxwell at 1845 local

Take Note

Congratulations to the following people:**Promotions**

....to Airman

Talton Hobbs, MXS**Decorations**

....Air Medal

Maj. Janet Broome, AES**Capt. Maureen Allen, AES****Master Sgt. James Weber, AES****Master Sgt. Marla Gilson, AES****Tech Sgt. Patrick Weir, AES****Staff Sgt. Sean Scarcliff, AES**

...Meritorious Service Medal

Lt. Col. (Dr.) Camille Phillips, AES**Master Sgt. Jurgen, 25APS****Master Sgt. Timothy Rollins, MXS****Tech. Sgt. Mark Klein, MXS****July Retirements****Staff Sgt./Maj. Syrinthia Evans, AES****Chief Master Sgt. Reynold Cecchi, 25APS****Senior Master Sgt. Perry Edwards Jr., MXS****Master Sgt. Albert Black, CES****Tech. Sgt. Kendall Davis, 25APS****Tech. Sgt. Johnny Jackson Jr., 25APS****Tech. Sgt. C. A. Jenkins, MXS****Tech. Sgt. Arezo Gajewski, 25APS****NCO Academy****Graduations****Tech. Sgt. Stephen Kramer, 357AS****Tech. Sgt. Raymond Williams, AMXS****State Guards to combine headquarters**

WASHINGTON -- Each state National Guard will combine its top three headquarters into one "joint force headquarters," said

Army Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, the head of the National Guard Bureau.

There are 162 headquarters units in the 54 state and territory National Guard entities and by Oct. 1, 108 of these will no longer exist, said the general in a Pentagon briefing. He shared these plans with the state adjutants general at a meeting May 18.

Advanced PME applications due soon

Eligible unit members have until Aug. 15 to submit their FY 04-05 intermediate service or senior service school applications to wing training. The numbered Air Force suspense date is Aug. 20.

According to 908th training technician Belinda Ray, members must do the following:

- ◆ Use the AF Form 1941 (Application for Professional Military Education (in residence)).

- ◆ Complete and sign Part I of the application form.

- ◆ Review report individual personnel (RIP) to ensure accuracy of records.

- ◆ Obtain 8x10 full length ¾ turn pose color photo, without jacket, decorations worn on shirt (long sleeve shirt w/tie or tab).

- ◆ Obtain copies of last three OPRs.

- ◆ Submit application package (completed Part I of application form, photo, and last three OPRs to their rater).

The rater reviews application package; completes Part II of application form (requires the rater to provide comments regarding their support of the

Super shop

Right, members of 908MXS Propulsion Shop were singled out for recognition at June's Commander's Call for outstanding contributions to mission performance. Pictured here are aerospace turbo prop journeymen Airmen First Class Kenneth Perkins (front) and Joshua Taylor.

applicant) and forwards recommended package to appropriate NAF.

NOTE: All packages must go through the wing commander. In order to assist AFRC/CV (who will indorse Part III), training official recommend proposed comments be forwarded to the wing commander for review and concurrence. Comments should reflect how the Air Force can benefit from the member's attendance at ISS/SSS.

For more information about the ISS/SSS application or selection process, contact Ray at (334) 953-6771/6678.

Wings change commanders this summer

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - At least four Air Force Reserve Command flying wings will change commanders this summer.

The following senior officer moves and their effective dates are:

- ◆ Brig. Gen. Thomas M. Gisler Jr. from 446th Airlift Wing commander at McChord AFB, Wash., to 349th Air Mobility Wing commander at Travis AFB, Calif., July 19

- ◆ Col. Eric W. Crabtree from reserve adviser at Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill., to 446th AW com-



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mander at McChord AFB, Aug. 23

- ◆ Col. Timothy J. Wrighton from 452nd AMW commander at March Air Reserve Base, Calif., to assistant vice commander of 22nd Air Force at Dobbins ARB, Ga., June 14

- ◆ Col. James T. Rubeor from 349th AMW commander at Travis AFB to 452nd AMW commander at March ARB, July 19

- ◆ Col. Roger G. Disrud from 442nd Fighter Wing commander at Whiteman AFB, Mo., to retirement, Sept. 22

- ◆ Col. Patrick A. Cord from 926th Operations Group commander at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base New Orleans, La., to 442nd FW commander at Whiteman AFB in September. No firm date has been set. (AFRC News Service)

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